

2025 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
Division III - Multi-Day Publications
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Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	CNHI/AP Collaboration on senior care in America	Marcia Moore & Eric Scicchitano
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	The Mercury, Pottstown	Upper Pottsgrove municipal coverage	Evan Brandt
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Beaver County Times	Former, current PTC staff discuss problems at college, say issues were with leadership	Garret Roberts
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Migrant workers	Marcia Moore
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Indiana Gazette	River Valley files suit against ICTC and member districts	Nathan Zisk
News Beat Reporting	First Place	Hazleton Standard-Speaker	Hazleton Education Beat	Kent Jackson
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Lehighton School Board book debate	Ed Socha & Jarrad Hedes
News Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	Blueprint communities	Kelly Monitz Socha
Breaking News	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Sunbury shooting	Francis Scarcella
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Coverage of Spanos hate speech	Mike Argento, Teresa Boeckel & Lena Tzivekis
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Prescription for trouble: Pennsylvania pharmacists say PBMs are driving pharmacy closures	Ian Karbal
Ongoing News Coverage	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Veterans Memorial Bridge coverage	Teresa Boeckel
News Feature Story	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Bucks County a microcosm of election chaos with poor communication, viral misinfo and lawfare	Ian Karbal
News Feature Story	Second Place	Herald-Standard, Uniontown	The trials and tribulations of the modern veteran	Zach Petroff
News Feature Story	Honorable Mention	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Shamokin Head mystery remains unsolved	Justin Strawser

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Business or Consumer Story	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Pharmacy Reform	Bill Bowman
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	Bedford Gazette	Expert: Many gun buyers lying without meaning to	Heather Koontz
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	The star of the midway is a real rat	Marta Gouger
Editorial	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Meuser way off the mark in criticizing funding; Lack of pre-canvassing remains a real problem; Putting a name to your opinion matters	William Bowman
Editorial	Second Place	The Herald, Sharon	Police body cameras work only when process is transparent; Coleman, Finley willingness to accept blame a refreshing development; My time with Hamish	Eric Poole
Column	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	Private equity actions might have damaged Steward, Sharon Regional; A local immigrant's message: 'We need to focus on the positive'; We lost Pauly. We can honor her memory by saving the next teen	Eric Poole
Column	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Transparency, it turns out, is actually free; Stop acting small and demeaning others; Mother's Day hits a little different now	William Bowman
Column	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	It's in your nature	Barry Reed
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Penn State sports	Frank Bodani
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	High school sports	Shelly Stallsmith

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Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	New Castle News	Ellwood spikers roll to win over Mohawk; Thankful for all of life's blessings,including the unexpected ones; New Castle High capped off a perfect championship storm 10 years ago	Ron Poniewasz
Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Celebrating Eddie Khayat's fabulous football life	Frank Bodani
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	New Castle News	Walsh resigns as Mohawk girls coach; Neshannock High's Frye verbally commits to play softball at Providence; Pattison V. Pickleball — is it game, set and match?	Cody Pattison
Sports Feature	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Penn State's Tyler Elsdon's journey from foster care	Frank Bodani
Sports Feature	Second Place	The Times News, Lehigh	The Golden Guys	Jeff Moeller
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Phenom kicker driven by toughest moment	Matt Allibone
Sports Enterprise	First Place	The News-Item, Shamokin	Remembering the 1974 Lourdes Regional football team	Kurt Ritzman
Sports Enterprise	Second Place	The Times News, Lehigh	Times News Football - Passing the Torch	Times News Sports Department
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	PIAA Track & Field	Rich Rhoades & Chris Wechtenhiser
Feature Story	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	How medevac 'angels' took Central PA woman on a flight to life	Mike Argento
Feature Story	Second Place	New Castle News	School districts, community unite around Unified Bocce teams	Nicholas Vercilla
Feature Story	Honorable Mention	The News-Item, Shamokin	Miraculous Moment	Larry Deklinski

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Personality Profile	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Central York student was born with autism. Now he's a member of the National Honor Society	Mike Argento
Personality Profile	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Toughest Penn State wrestler ever? Why Carter Starocci must rally, again, to make history	Frank Bodani
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	50 years after Nixon: Williamsport native was eyewitness to president's resignation	Mark Maroney
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Music stories	Mike Argento
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Pennsylvania Coal Region Culture	Donald Serfass
Breaking News Photo	First Place	The Republican-Herald, Pottsville	'My heart was in my mouth:' Cause of fire at Wire Tel-View building in Pottsville remains under investigation	David McKeown
Breaking News Photo	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Suspect finally surrenders after long standoff in Monongahela	Jeff Helsel
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Fatal 13-car pileup	Paul Kuehnel
News Event Photo	First Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Hundreds attend funeral for Donora firefighter	Jeff Helsel
News Event Photo	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Amish woman	Paul Kuehnel
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	The Herald, Sharon	First Day of School	Tanner Mondok
Feature Photo	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	Eclipse Viewing	Tanner Mondok
Feature Photo	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	'Coin battle' raises cash for Meals on Wheels	Jeff Helsel
Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	Full steam ahead	Donald Serfass
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	The News-Item, Shamokin	Uncharacteristic turnovers doom Shamokin in PIAA opener	Larry Deklinski

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Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Eastern York holds off Big Spring, 55-50, to win first District title since 2010	Dan Rainville
Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Game Night Cover with Madden Patrick	Rob Inglis
Sports Action Photo	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	Cooper Sports Action	Tanner Mondok
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	2024 District 3 Track and Field Championships: Photos	Dan Rainville
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Allen tag at home	Chris Wechtenhiser
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Fire rages on Albemarle Street in York City	Harrison Jones
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Hanover High School performs spring musical 'The Wizard of Oz'	Dan Rainville
News Page Design	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	A Better Direction; Airplane Crash Mystery; National Pastime; Uncle Galen; Haunted Barn	Tim Wertz
News Page Design	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Job Killer; Painstaking Investigation; Disclosure; Parade; So Important	Tim Wertz
News Page Design	Honorable Mention	The Herald, Sharon	Attack on democracy'; Buhl Day honorees chosen for love of community; Santa Claus comes to town	Joey Garcia
Feature Page Design	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	Baptism by fire; WWII Monuments Men weren't all men; Well, the neighbors seem friendly	Joey Garcia

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Feature Page Design	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Applause! Production has roots in past tradition; 'Equus' challenges SU actors; Casting light on an epic journey; Paying homage to the classics; Play embraces chaos, comedy; Curtains rise on valley musicals	Kyra Smith-Cullen
Feature Page Design	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Top of the world, Never too late, Beeing smart, Hellbender, Continue to Soar	Jon Gerardi
Sports Page Design	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	One Last Gamble, Leading the Charge, Battle for the Shoe, Soccer's Best	Tim Wertz
Sports Page Design	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Golden Standard; Making Runs; Double Trouble; Dominating Year	Tim Wertz
Sports Page Design	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Armed and ready; Golden boys; Friday night lights; Golden Standard	Jon Gerardi
Headline Writing	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	After-holiday clearance: Mall coming down; For Diehl Hyundai, this year's model is its gleaming new \$6 million Sharon dealership; Community invited to say one last goodbye as mall fades into sunset	John Zavinski
Headline Writing	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Gee Whiz; Moore Goals Ahead; Beeing Smart	Jon Gerardi
Headline Writing	Honorable Mention	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Chicken ordinance scratched in NBV; Sunflower Festival wilts amid drought conditions; Landscaping goats don't kid around	Carl Hill
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Disclosure	Tim Wertz
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Double Trouble	Tim Wertz
News Videos	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Hurricane in the Mountains	Dave Kennedy

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News Videos	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	From Amish country to Gettysburg, meet voters of Pennsylvania along the Lincoln Highway	Paul Kuehnel
News Videos	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Southern BBQ in York County: Road Hawg serves up ribs, brisket, wings and more	Dan Rainville
Sports Videos	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Still Wrestling at 69-years-old	Dave Kennedy
Sports Videos	Second Place	Beaver County Times	Aliquippa players, coaches react to recent coaching changes	Ethan Morrison
Features Videos	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Vietnam War veteran describes experience on the line through sculpture that took 20 years	Paul Kuehnel
Features Videos	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Remembering Max	Dave Kennedy
Features Videos	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	'My love language is acts of service': York City deli owner gives back	Dan Rainville
Podcast	First Place	The Herald, Sharon	New Generation	Tanner Mondok
Podcast	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Cutting Cardboard	Rob Inglis & Eric Pehowic
Special Section	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Hunt	Tim Wertz & Nick Seitzer
Special Section	Second Place	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Women Today	Ben Destefan, Tyler Kolesar, Joy Norwood & Josh Walzak
Special Section	Honorable Mention	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Brew Review	Ben Destefan, Tyler Kolesar, Joy Norwood & Josh Walzak

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Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion	First Place	Hazleton Standard-Speaker	J. Zapata food empire folds with owner stuck in Mexico; Before lawsuit Hazleton Area School Board twice balked at appointing hispanic residents; Orchard Hill opens inclusive camp for Hazleton area children at Ferrwood; Raising Dylan Reality Show about Hazleton couple features laughs love; Scholarship preserved for next generation of Polish Americans in Greater Hazleton; Hazleton Area teachers explain how they guide Spanish speakers to English	Kent Jackson
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Central York students join battle against extremist takeovers; York's 'Ky the Chemist' uses sneakers, hip hop to inspire students to pursue science; Susquehannock tennis player Jaylen Van Nice thrives despite being partially paralyzed; Lunch with Lena: Mi Rancho is a hidden gem in Manchester serving up Dominican flavors; Horse therapy gave this York veteran with PTSD a Leg Up to find peace on the home front	Staff

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